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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,487,671;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,766,015;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,634,086;

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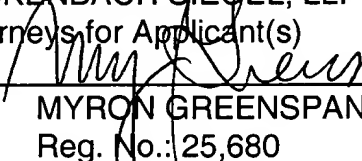
4. European Patent Publication No. 0 801 370 A1; and
5. Bernstein et al., "Automatic Evaluation and Training in English Pronunciation," from the Proceedings of the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing (1990).

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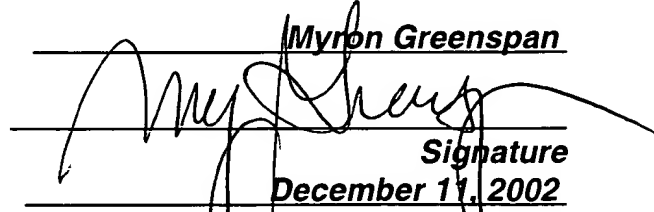
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